(b) whether his Ministry had prior information about these blasts;

(c) if so, why the security arrangement were not made in time;

(d) if not, the persons responsible for this failure; and

(e) the security arrangements under consideration for the religious places as in the name of sansctity of the complexes, the entry of security personnel in these complexes is restricted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) As per available information, following major terrorist incidents/bomb blasts have taken place in the hinterland from 11.09.2007 to 24.02.2008:—

Sl. No.	Incident	Persons killed	Persons injured
1	Blast at Ajmer Sharif, Ajmer, Rajasthan on 11.10.2007	3	14
2	Bomb blast at Shingar Cinema Hall in Ludhiana on 14.10.2007	6	38
3	Serial bomb blasts in court premises in U.P. on 23.11.2007	13	80
4	Attack on CRPF Group Centre, Rampur, U.P. on 1.1.2008	8	5

The estimate of loss of property in these incidents is not centrally maintained.

Inputs regarding possible threats from terrorist elements are shared by the Central security and intelligence agencies with the State Police authorities from time to time, however, it may not be possible to have specific prior input for every terrorist incident Security arrangements of religious places are in the domain of the State Governments. The Central Government assists the State Governments whenever required

FDI on Cable TV and HITS

3179. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state.

(a) whether Govenment decided to allow 74 per cent Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Cable TV service and Head-end in the Sky (HITS)— satellite based system in distributing TV signal *via* cable, while also permitting 100 per cent FDI in down linking of general and entertainment channels up-linked from abroad,

(b) whether all the concerned *i e* Teleceom, Information and Boardcasting and Foreign Investment Promotion Board and the Department of Industrial Policy land Promotion have met and discussed the proposals to arise the FDI on Cable TV and HITS; and

(c) by when a final dicision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) The Government has dicided to seek the recommendations of Telecome Regulatory Authority (TRAI) on the existing foreign investment limits for various segments of broadcasting sector, that may be retained or revised including HITS, and the Cable TV service TRAI earlier in its recommendations dated 17.10.2007 recommended Foreign

Investment cap should be fixed at 74% for HITS. This recommendation is being considered. Government has proposed no change in foreign investment limits for cable sector. Downlinking Policy allows 100% FDI and no change has been proposed for channels uplinked from abroad and downlinked in India.

(b) Yes, Sir. A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Industrial Policy and Promotion) on 21.11.2007.

(c) TRAI's recommendations are awaited. As such no time limit can be given on such policy issues.

Community Radio Stations by NGOs

3180. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently approved a scheme for setting up of Community Radio Stations by Non-Governmental Organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of Non-Governmental Organisations which have been given permission to operate Community Radio Stations, State-wise, particularly, in Azamgarh district in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYA RANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Policy for grant of permission for setting up of Community Radio Stations in India has been liberalised in 2006 by including the 'Non-profit' organisations like civil society and voluntary organizations, State Agriculture Universities (SAUs), Indian Council of Agricultural Research Institutions, Krishi Vigyan Kendras, Registered Societies and Autonomous Bodies and Public Trusts registered under Societies Act under its ambit in addition to educational institutions. The new policy is aimed at allowing greater participation by the civil society on issues relating to development and social change.

(c) The State-wise details of Non-Governmental Organizations which have been given permission to operate Community Radio Stations are given in the enclosed statement (*See* below). However, no organization from Azamgarh district, Uttar Pradesh has applied for grant of permission.

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State-wise details of the Non-Governmental organisations which have been given permission to operate Community Radio Stations

Sl.No.	State	Name of Non-Governmental Organization (NGO)
1	2	3
1.	**Andhra Pradesh**	1. Deccan Develpment Society, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh 2. Abid Ali Khan Educational Trust, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
2.	**Bihar**	1. Hanuman Prasad Gramin Vikas Seva Samiti, Kurhani, Muzaffarpur, Bihar 2. Ayodhya Lal Kalyan Niketan, Gopalganj, Bihar